

**AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE 2005-2006
SMALL GAME - FURBEARER PROCLAMATION**

The following sections of 2005-2006 Small Game-Furbearer Proclamation dated August 15, 2005 have been amended.

12. Amend out sub-section 1. of Section 12.

The following sections are added to the 2005-2006 Small Game-Furbearer Proclamation dated August 15, 2005.

37. **DUCKS, COOTS, AND MERGANSERS**

Low Plains Unit: Season Dates - September 24 through December 4, 2005.

The daily bag limit for ducks shall be 6. The daily limit may include: 5 mallards of which only 2 may be female mallards, 2 scaup, 2 redhead, 2 wood duck, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback. Pintails and canvasbacks may be taken only September 24 through November 1, 2005. The daily limit for mergansers shall be 5 of which no more than 1 may be a hooded merganser. The daily limit for coots shall be 15. The possession limit for ducks, coots, and mergansers shall be twice the daily bag limit. The Low Plains Unit is that portion of North Dakota east of a line beginning at the South Dakota border, then north on U.S. 83 and I-94 to ND 41, then north on ND 41 to ND 53, then west on ND 53 to U.S. 83, then north on U.S. 83 to U.S. 2, then west on U.S. 2 to Williams County line, then north and west along the Williams and Divide County lines to the Canadian border.

High Plains Unit: Season Dates - September 24 through December 4 and December 10 through January 1, 2006. The daily and possession limits for ducks, coots, and mergansers shall be the same as that for the Low Plains Unit. Pintails and canvasbacks may be taken only September 24 through November 1, 2005. The High Plains Unit is that portion of North Dakota west of the Low Plains Unit.

38. **GEESE.** The season length and bag limits shall be separate for Canada geese, white-fronted geese and light geese. **Canada geese** include all Canada geese and any other geese except white-fronted geese and light geese. **Light geese** include snow geese (including blue geese) and Ross' geese.

Canada geese may be taken in the Low Plains Unit and High Plains Unit from September 24 through December 22, 2005. The daily limit shall be 3 Canada geese. The possession limit shall be twice the daily bag limit.

White-fronted geese may be taken statewide from September 24 through December 4, 2005. The daily limit shall be 2 white-fronted geese. The possession limit shall be twice the daily bag limit.

Light geese may be taken statewide from September 24 through December 22, 2005. The daily limit shall be 20 light geese. There shall be no possession limit on light geese.

Disabled American Veterans goose hunting opportunity: On October 22 and 23, 2005, an area normally closed to the taking of geese shall be open for the taking of geese by Disabled American Veterans. This area is the Missouri River Waterfowl Rest Area from the Garrison Dam to Turtle Creek downstream from Washburn. Only disabled veterans, (military action related) are eligible to participate. Priority will be given based on the severity of disability. Further information and assistance in participation in this limited opportunity must be obtained by calling the D.A.V. Hunt Committee at 701-748-2550 prior to October 19, 2005 after October 19 call 701-748-6227.

39. **SHOOTING HOURS.** Shooting hours for ducks, coots, and mergansers shall be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Except as noted below, the shooting hours for geese shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. each day including opening day through October 29. Starting October 30, shooting hours for geese shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. each day. Shooting hours for Canada geese shall be one-half (½) hour before sunrise to sunset on Saturdays and Wednesdays from September 24 through December 22. Shooting hours for white-fronted geese shall be one-half (½) hour before sunrise to sunset on Saturdays and Wednesdays from September 24 through December 4.
40. **BOATS.** Ducks, coots, mergansers, geese and tundra swans may be taken from a floating craft, excluding a sinkbox, if such craft is beached, or fastened within or tied immediately along side any type of fixed hunting blind, or from such craft resting at anchor.
41. **SPECIAL YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON.** Legally licensed residents and non-residents 15 years of age or younger may hunt ducks, coots, mergansers and geese statewide on September 17 and 18, 2005. An adult, at least 18 years of age, must accompany the youth hunter into the field. The adult may not hunt ducks, coots, or mergansers. Shooting hours for the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season shall be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. The daily bag limit, including species restrictions (1 pintail and 1 canvasback may be taken daily), and all other regulations that apply to the regular duck and goose hunting seasons shall apply to this special season.

42. **ELECTRONIC AND RECORDED CALLS.** Possession or use of an electronic or recorded call is prohibited while hunting waterfowl.

43. **VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.**

Exceeding the daily bag of restricted species/sex ducks (Section 37)--penalty - noncriminal-\$50 for 1 bird in excess of the daily limit. A second bird or second violation within one year shall be a Class B misdemeanor.

Exceeding the daily bag of waterfowl (not restricted species/sex ducks) (Section 37 and 38) – noncriminal-\$100 for one bird in excess of daily limit. A second bird or second violation within one year shall be a Class B Misdemeanor.

Hunting before or after legal hours (Section 39) up to 30 min.--penalty - noncriminal-\$100. In excess of 30 min.- Class B misdemeanor.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Great Seal of North Dakota this
____22nd____ day of September 2005.

/s/_____
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/_____
Secretary of State

Deputy